Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A server suitable for use in a collaboration system employing a communication network, said server comprising:

a group session control unit for inviting clients to join a virtual shopping session, for creating a group session by integrating a plurality of individual sessions and for passing a command to an application execution unit; and

a page navigation control unit for providing a web page common to each of the individual sessions.

Claim 2 (original): The server according to claim 1, further comprising:

a synchronization control unit for notifying each of individual session destinations of a shared status of the web page; and

a mutual communication control unit allowing a plurality of the individual session destinations to exchange messages.

Claim 3 (original): The server according to claim 1, further comprising initiative switching means for switching ownership of initiative of web page operation.

Claim 4 (original): The server according to claim 1, wherein the page navigation control unit includes a page sharing processing unit for creating data by compiling the web page and an identification value corresponding to the data in response to display of a new web page and for storing the data and the identification value in association with each other.

Claims 5 - 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A computer program product ~~computer-executable program~~ for enabling a computer device to function as a server apparatus suitable for use in a collaboration system employing a communication network to provide a virtual shopping session, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer usable program code tangibly embedded therein, the computer usable medium comprising ~~, said program allowing the computer device to execute~~:

computer usable program code configured to invite clients to a virtual shopping session, computer usable code configured to create ~~a step of forming a group session control unit for creating~~ a group session by integrating a plurality of individual sessions and computer usable code configured to pass ~~for passing~~ a command to an application execution unit; and

computer usable program code configured to provide ~~a step of forming a page navigation control unit for providing~~ a web page common to each of the individual sessions.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the computer usable medium further comprises computer usable program code configured to ~~program according to claim 8, wherein the program allows the computer device to further execute~~:

notify ~~a step of forming a synchronization control unit for notifying~~ each of individual session destinations of a shared status of the web page; and

allow ~~a step of forming a mutual communication control unit for allowing~~ a plurality of the individual session destinations to exchange messages.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the

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computer usable medium further comprises computer usable program code configured to switch ~~program according to claim 8, wherein the program allows the group session control unit to execute a step of switching~~ ownership of initiative of web page operation.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The computer program product of claim 8, wherein the computer usable medium further comprises computer usable program code configured to create data ~~program according to claim 8, wherein the program allows the page navigation control unit to execute a step of creating data created~~ by compiling the web page and an identification value corresponding to the data when a new web page is displayed and store ~~of storing~~ the data and the identification value in a storage device in association with each other.

Claims 12 - 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A collaboration system for allowing client devices to collaborate through a network in a virtual shopping session, the system comprising:

a plurality of the client devices connected to the network; and a server apparatus for receiving requests from the client devices, responding to the client devices, and providing a collaboration environment common to the plurality of client devices, wherein the server apparatus includes means for inviting clients to participate in a virtual shopping session, for providing a group session formed by integrating communication sessions among the plurality of client devices, and means for synchronizing the client devices in the collaboration environment; and further wherein each of the client device includes means for synchronizing according to a web page commonly displayed among the plurality of client devices.

Claim 15 (canceled)

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